



ABH December Committee Meetings

Friday, December 2
Children's CEO Leadership, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 6
ATS/CSS, 10 a.m.

Thursday, December 8
SOAP, 10 a.m.

Friday, December 9
Corporate Compliance, 10 a.m.

Monday, December 12
Billing, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 13
ACCS, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14
Outpatient, Human Resources, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15
COE RRS, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20
OTP, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 21
MAP Subcommittee, 10 a.m.

To learn more about ABH's Committees, click [here](#).

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice Roundtable

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Virtual Platform - Zoom Meeting • 10:00am - 12:00pm

The Association for Behavioral Healthcare (ABH) and Wayside Equity Training Center (WETC) are eager to announce our roundtable - Common Issues for Leaders in Equity Culture Change: Budgeting, Planning and Problem Solving. This is a follow up to the launch of our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Toolkit: Organizational Culture Change.

About the Roundtable

CEOs in behavioral healthcare organizations and DEI&J consultants and professionals will talk through the top questions and considerations in creating true system change around equity in their organizations. We invite you to ask your questions and engage with us in a conversation as we find solutions to equity challenges. This is a great opportunity to hear from CEOs from organizations making strides in diversity, equity, inclusion and justice work.

Wayside Equity Training Center (WETC) will be leading this roundtable on Tuesday, November 15 from 10:00am - 12:00pm. WETC's **Guimel DeCarvalho**, Vice President of People and Culture & Chief Diversity Officer, and **Amy Hogarth**, Director of Agency Training & Equity Culture, will be leading a two hour panel discussion with DEI&J consultants and representatives from organizations that have made significant progress in their DEI&J initiatives.

This meeting is open to ABH members only. To register, click [here](#).

Funding Opportunity: Mental Health Diversionary Services Grant

Please click [here](#) for details regarding a Mental Health Diversionary Services Grant Program, recently announced by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (AGO). This program will fund applicants who directly provide services that divert individuals in need of mental health care from accessing, or re-accessing, emergency departments and/or allow individuals to be discharged from the hospital rather than boarding.

Grant applications with accompanying proposals must be delivered electronically through the AGO's online grant application website by 5:00 p.m. on November 16,

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Riverside Community Care

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Boston Public Health Commission

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Gandara Center

EXCELLENCE IN OUTCOMES AWARD

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Day Programs

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is making a limited supply of Over-the-Counter (OTC) Rapid COVID tests available free of cost to Day Programs that use them to re-open and/or stay open, while supplies allow. Interested Day Programs can [submit a request](#) for up to 1,800 tests per location. Each location will require a separate submission; please discuss within your organization before submitting so that only one request is submitted per location.

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Department of Labor Announces Nursing Expansion Funding Opportunity

On October 3, 2022, the Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of \$80 million under the [Nursing Expansion Funding Opportunity Announcement](#). The grant will fund programs that address bottlenecks in training the U.S. nursing workforce, and expand and diversify the pipeline of qualified nursing professionals (including behavioral health nurses and psychiatric nurse practitioners) through two training tracks: Nurse Education Professional Track, and Nursing Career Pathways Track.

Applications are due by January 6, 2023 on grants.gov. Among the eligible applicants are nonprofit health care organizations affiliated with hospitals and other medical facilities, labor unions, nonprofit trade or employer associations, community-based organizations, higher education and vocational training providers, and workforce development entities.

The fact sheet is posted [here](#), the funding announcement [here](#), and general resources and information on DOL grants [here](#).

Telehealth Updates

MassHealth has released MassHealth All-Provider Bulletin 355. This bulletin amends and restates MassHealth All Provider Bulletin 327 (corrected) to introduce the following changes:

- clarifies the use of modifier 93 for audio-only telehealth services for MassHealth and MCEs;
- clarifies the use of POS code 02 for delivery of telehealth services provided in a patient's home;
- a clarification of requirements for telehealth encounters and documentation requirements; and
- the extension of the informational edit period for modifiers used on professional claims for services rendered via telehealth through March 30, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact [Abby Kim](#) with any questions.

Interesting Reads

- [Advocates appeal to lift new state limit on rental aid.](#) *WBUR.*
- [Group urges hiring more school counselors to meet student mental health needs.](#) *WBUR.*
- ['Fourth Trimester' Focus Is Pushed to Prevent Maternal Deaths.](#) *Kaiser Health News.*
- [Kids' Mental Health Care Leaves Parents in Debt and in the Shadows.](#) *Kasier Health News.*
- [As suicides rise, US military seeks to address mental health.](#) *Boston Globe.*